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1. AS REQUESTED PARA 2 REFTTEL, PHOTOCOPIES OF DAHIRS 1.73.210 OF 2 MARCH 1973 AND 1.73.645 OF APRIL 23, 1975 AND EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF BOTH POUCHED.

2. IT APPEARS THAT REFERENCE TO DAHIR 1.73.210 IS INCORRECT. THIS DECREE RELATES TO MOROCCANIZATION OF INDUSTRY, NOT REPEAT NOT AGRICULTURAL LANDS. DECREE REFERRING TO LAND OWNERSHIP IS 1.73.213 OF MARCH 2, 1973 OF WHICH PHOTOCOPY AND FREE TRANSLATION ALSO POUCHED. ACCORDING TO WORDING OF DAHIR 1.73.213 NO NON-MOROCCAN CORPORATION OF INDIVIDUAL MAY OWN AGRICULTURAL LAND. ACCORDING TO INFORMED EXPERT IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BANK (CNCA), THIS DECREE WAS CONSIDERED AMBIGUOUS SINCE IT SEEMED TO LEAVE DOOR OPEN FOR MOROCCANIZED AGRIBUSINESS TO OWN LAND, EVEN THOUGH DE FACTO CONTROL REMAINED IN FOREIGN LANDS. AS RESULT OF FURTHER STUDY, DAHIR 1.73.645 OF APRIL 23, 1975 WAS ISSUED MAKING IT CLEAR THAT NO CORPORATION MOROCCAN OR OTHERWISE MAY OWN LAND DEFINED AS AGRICULTURAL.

3. ACCORDING TO ESTRADE, LOCAL MANAGER OF RANCH ADAROUC, REPORTING EARLY AUGUST 1976 CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF MINISTRY FINANCE, GOM RECOGNIZES ERROR IN HAVING MADE APRIL 1975 DAHIR TOO EXCLUSIVE AND IS STUDYING WAYS AND MEANS FOR LEGAL CORRECTION TO PERMIT CONTINUED OPERATION OF AGRI-BUSINESS JOINT VENTURES SUCH AS  
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VALUE TO MOROCCO. CNCA EXPERT (WHO HAD PREPARED BRIEF FOR PRIME MINISTER ON HOW TO RESOLVE AMBIGUITY OF 1973 DECREE) WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT ISSUE HAD BEEN RESOLVED IN MANNER TO EXCLUDE CORPORATE HOLDINGS BY EVEN MOROCCANIZED AGRI-BUSINESS COMPANIES. INDEED, HE WOULD NOT BELIEVE IT UNTIL HE HAD CHECKED WITH DIRECTION D'ELEVAGE IN MINISTRY AGRICULTURE.

4. MICHAEL HUGHES ADAROUCH PRESIDENT AND KING RANCH REGIONAL OFFICER PLANNING TO VISIT MOROCCO FIRST PART OF SEPTEMBER TO PURSUE NEXT STEPS TOWARD SOLUTION OUTLINED TIMMINS/ COOPER LETTER OF 5/26/76. IN MEANTIME, ACCORDING TO ESTRADÉ, SEIZURE OF ADAROUCH LAND HAS RESULTED IN NO CHANGE IN DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS WHICH RUNNING SMOOTHLY AND SUCCESSFULLY. ANDERSON

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